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Teen curfews like Edinburg's are Constitutional, says High Court

City of Edinburg

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing teenage night curfews to continue helps South Texas cities like Edinburg continue their efforts to curb juvenile crime, the Edinburg City Council announced Tuesday.

Without comment, the justices on Monday left intact a Charlottesville, Virginia curfew imposed on teenagers to keep them off the streets overnight.

The high court action was in response to a decision by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld a 1996 Charlottesville ordinance - similar to the one in Edinburg that bars anyone under 17 from being on city streets between midnight and 5 a.m. on weekdays and between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Edinburg's teen curfew, which was adopted by the city council in 1994, prohibits juveniles from being on city streets from 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekdays and Sunday, and from midnight to 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Exceptions are made for youngsters accompanied by a parent or guardian, who are attending a school, religious, or civic function, on an emergency errand, or on the job.

Warnings are issued for the first and second violation, but a juvenile and

his or her parents can each face fines up to \$200 for a third violation. Edinburg municipal court judge Toribio Palacios reported that so far, no third violations have come before his court.

Edinburg police chief Ourino Muñoz said the local ordinance has helped his police force combat juvenile crime.

"It helps our officers establish probable cause to approach young people who are out in public areas late at night, ask what they are doing, and instruct juveniles to go home," said Munoz. "Before, we couldn't get these juveniles to leave a public area late at night unless we witnessed a crime. Now, we can question them and send them home."

The Charlottesville law was challenged by parents and teenagers who claimed the ordinance "deprives parents of their historically fundamental right to direct the roaming of their children," and deprives them of the "fundamental liberties to come and go without a pass."

The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the curfew case sets a nationwide precedent, but does not mean the justices could not rule on these issues in the future. Monday's action may encourage other communities to adopt juvenile curfew laws.

Freshman Biology major Manuel Morin makes his way out of the "tunnel" at the Science and Engineering complex.



-Shane James

'Tolerance Week' to focus on social issues on UTPA campus

By PEDRO VILLANUEVA
The Pan American

The Student Government Association (SGA) along with The Office of the Dean of Students and Bacchus and Gamma will be sponsoring a week-long event entitled "Tolerance Week."

The event is an effort to promote social tolerance among individuals of all races, religious beliefs, sexual ori-

entation and personal view points,

"The idea to have some sort of tolerance event on campus came from the recent hate crimes which have taken place throughout the country," said Joe Rodriguez, SGA Senator at Large.

The event is scheduled to run from Monday to Thursday. It will commence Monday with the signing of a proclamation by Dr. Miguel Nevárez, UTPA President. The proclamation will

be an acknowledgment of the need for tolerance among students on campus.

During activity period Tuesday, the group of organizations will sponsor a forum in the Xochitl Room which will address the effects of intolerance.

Bacchus and Gamma will sponsor an all day film festival Wednesday at the University Center which will feature many of today's social problems with an aim at gearing student awareness.

The event will close with a silent march through the UTPA walkways. "The Silent March will be a reminder of the need to educate the public about the importance of tolerance for all the different types of people that make up our university community, said Sandra Rosales, Coordinator of Student Development.



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Navy policy deserves One-fingered salute

By **MARK CARPOWICH**
The Daily Trojan

For military personnel who operate artillery, firing shots is no big deal. For some of them, though, getting shots is.

Fearing the worst of chemical warfare from areas of the Persian Gulf, to where some of its ships are deploying, the Defense Department has ordered approximately 218,000 of its uniformed men and women to receive injections that will protect them from anthrax, a potential ingredient of biological terrorist weapons. Some have refused, though, setting in motion yet another example of the military forsaking the interests of its own people in order to accomplish a greater mission.

Twenty-three servicemen aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an aircraft carrier stationed in Virginia that will be leaving for a six-month tour on Friday, have been punished for refusing to take a shot in the arm, citing their legitimate concerns that not enough is known about the safety of the injection they have been ordered to receive. Less of a mystery is what is behind the harsh response from the Navy: closed-minded obstinance and a desire to sweep tough questions under the rug.

Simply put, the military has shown that, even in times when the country is not at war or in combat (though the Kosovo issue is still looming), it is all-powerful. The Navy has disciplined the 23 on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt, showing that anyone brave enough to demand a greater consideration for their health should think twice before challenging the all-knowing Big Brother of the Pentagon. Among their penance is a one-rank demotion, a 45-day extension of their military commitment, being restricted to the ship for 45 days, and a fine equivalent to a month's pay.

This list of punishments, though intimidating, is actually damaging to a military that, through the not-so-old denials of Gulf War Syndrome and earlier concerns of chemical exposure during the Vietnam War, is figurative-

ly shooting itself in the foot. Its credibility is the proverbial foot in the equation, and judging from previous sketchy Pentagon dealings, it's a pretty sizable target.

It is not much to ask for men and women, who have proven their commitment to serving their country simply by enlisting, to not be put through potentially damaging, or even ultimately fatal, medical "treatment" that may amount to little more than experimentation. Instead, the service people we should be lauding as patriots are being treated like criminals by the entity they have sworn to respect and serve.

Even the conditions of the soldiers' punishment is tough to figure out. Docking a sailor a full month's pay and depriving him or her of a rank which was earned is a bullying tactic, and shows a lack of appreciation on behalf of the military. In both cases, rewards already earned are being reclaimed by the same Navy that granted them.

Something you won't find in your local recruiter's office is the part that says your salary is conditional to your sacrificing a right most Americans take for granted - the right to make decisions freely. Hopefully, the ROTC students on this campus will enjoy their human rights while they still can.

As for extending the sailors' military commitment, few military orders make less sense. If these people are such bad servants of the country and upholders of the Constitution, why keep them around for an even longer time? Wouldn't rushing these so-called turncoats out of the service be a boost for democracy?

This is not a question of discipline. Yes, the military may often be excused for its own standards of conduct enforcement. People who join any branch of the armed forces, especially those on board ships that may be heading to trouble spots, should not have any discipline problems. When people join, they know their freedom will be limited to an extent. Those who can't accept that deserve to be dismissed, as would be the case in any private-sector capacity.

But not allowing people to be concerned for their own safety goes beyond the boundaries of running a tight ship, if you'll pardon the expression. The military's use of an immunization that is not known beyond a shadow of a doubt to be safe, coupled with its decision to threaten the livelihoods of those who decide that protecting themselves from unnecessary health risks is more important than the possibility of being fined and demoted, is not only ominous, it is irresponsible.

These sailors, as well as the nine people who left the Air Force in lieu of receiving the vaccine, should be hailed as heroes, and ironically are perhaps the only ones representing the true interests of the Constitution. Today, the document they are sworn to uphold has been ignored by a power-hungry military structure that would rather flex its own muscle than remember what American interests are, whether at home or abroad.

The government has set up a web site to dispel what it deems mythical concerns about the safety of the vaccine. I am not a scientist and thusly cannot offer any opinion about the validity of their claims. In fact, however, they may not even be relevant, in light of the larger issue of military brass not allowing soldiers to express concerns about their own health. As someone whose father, a 20-year officer in the Navy, passed away from an unusual form of cancer quite possibly brought on by years' worth of exposure to equipment that may not have been healthy to be around, I have trouble watching young men and women being expected to blindly hand their lives over to a Defense Department that may not be looking out for their best interests.

Three years ago, my application for the Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School was approved. After much deliberation, however, I decided that pursuing a graduate education was a higher priority than an exciting military life. Now I can rest comfortably, knowing that I have both my health and my dignity without being punished for wanting to preserve either.

Student Profile

— Cynthia Ybarra



Monica Treviño

Monica Treviño is a determined young lady that prides herself on getting things done. She is involved in several organizations on campus and enjoys making decisions that will positively impact the university and its students. She helped implement a program called "Adopt an Angel" which is a service program for children. The members of "Adopt an Angel" encourage people to donate presents and money for low income students who have children.

HOMETOWN: La Joya

CLASSIFICATION: Senior

MAJOR: English

PERSONAL: Married

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: SGA Vice-President, University Theater, Student Advisory Committee, Student Financial Committee

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: The close atmosphere

MAIN GRIPE: Not enough campus involvement

ROLE MODEL: Ann Richards

FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT: Home: it's peaceful

HANDLE STRESS: I try to take it one day at a time

PERSONAL MOTTO: A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's heaven for. (Robert Browning)

DREAM JOB: To hold a political office

BEST FEATURE: My personality

Campus Briefs

UTPA students selected to be Included in 1999 'Who's Who'

University Relations

Twenty-four students from UTPA have been selected to be included into the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Students are named to the annual directory based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. The publication includes the top students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

UTPA students selected were Loyda Dynnet Ake, a biology major and senior from McAllen; Valeska Balderas, pre-med junior from Sullivan City; Fernando L. Barreto, finance junior from McAllen; Rosalinda Carrizales, management senior from Alamo; Juan Antonio Contreras, biology senior from Edinburg; Vanessa Escobar Curl, communication disorders graduate student from McAllen; Yvette DeLaRosa, nursing graduate student from Harlingen; Sonia Dominguez, kinesiology senior from

Alamo; Margaret H. Fernandez, nursing graduate student from Pharr; Melissa Garcia, English senior from Edinburg; Rebecca Garza, Spanish graduate student from Edinburg; and Roel Gonzalez, pre-dental junior from Edinburg.

Other UTPA students to be recognized in the publication are Philip Joseph Grossweiler, educational administration graduate student from Mission; Dominique Halaby, business administration graduate student from Brownsville; Holly Dawn Hewlett, history junior from Mission; Jeffrey Jay Huerta, psychology junior from McAllen; Joe J. Lara, communication senior from Pharr; Blanca E. Leal, philosophy senior from McAllen; Roberto Moreno, biology senior from Weslaco; Amanda Elaine Propst, communication senior from Edinburg; Julia A. Soper, nursing graduate student from Edinburg; Karen E. Taplay, nursing graduate student from McAllen; Ronaldo A. Villarreal, education graduate student from Edinburg; and Kimberly K. Wernecke, marketing senior from McAllen.

Advanced Standing Program added to Social Work degree program in summer

University Relations

The Department of Social Work at UTPA will begin a new Advanced Standing Program in its Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) degree program in summer 1999.

The program is an accelerated track for students who already hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree. The Advanced Standing Program requires 33 hours of coursework across the summer, fall and spring semesters

over a 10-month period.

"Students will enter the program during the summer sessions and complete the master's degree in the following May," said Dr. Patrick Mace, chair of the UTPA Department of Social Work. "Students in the Advanced Standing Program will join in classes with the students who entered the two-year MSSW the previous year."

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MARCH

25 ACTIVITY: The Office of the Dean of Students, in collaboration with Credit Counseling Services, will offer free credit counseling from Noon - 1:30 p.m. in UC 307 and 307-A. To make an appointment, call 381-2659.

25 PRODUCTION: Everyone is welcome to view directing projects done by first-time directing students from Noon - 1 p.m. at the Studio Theatre located inside the COAS building. Admission is free. Audience members may bring lunch and eat while watching show.

25 PRESENTATION: The Forum on International Relations and Business Affairs (FIRBA) will present "Risks in International Business" featuring Esteban Ortiz, Vice President of the International Department at Texas State Bank, from Noon - 1 p.m. in BUSA 113.

26 CLINIC: The WIC Mobile Unit will be parked in front of Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC provides services for university students, faculty, and staff who are pregnant, or have children under 5 years of age.

26 CONCERT: The Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Call 381-3471 for ticket information.

29 REGISTRATION: ASSIST registration (telephone, web, or terminal) by appointment begins and will continue through April 30 for the first summer session, through June 11 for the second summer session, and through July 9 for fall 1999.

29 PRESENTATION: The Student Government Association will present a proclamation signing by UTPA President Dr. Miguel Nevarez at Noon in the UTPA Law Library.

29 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a Men & Women's Chorus Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

30-31 CLINIC: Student Health Services will hold a Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV Screening Clinic for students, faculty, and staff from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Emilia Hall. The clinic will provide free HIV testing and special pricing for STD's screening. To make an appointment, call 381-2511.

30 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will meet at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 MEETING: The Anthropology Club will meet at Noon in SBSC 117 to discuss their annual trip. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 FORUM: The Student Government Association will present a student forum on the effects of intolerance at Noon in the Xochitl Room next to the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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30 ACTIVITY: The Forum on International Relations and Business Affairs (FIRBA) will hold a pizza sale from Noon - 1 p.m. outside the BUSA Building.

30 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a UTPA Band Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

31 ACTIVITY: The Student Government Association will present the Bacchus & Gamma Film Festival all day in the 1st floor of the University Center.

FOR INFORMATION

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Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
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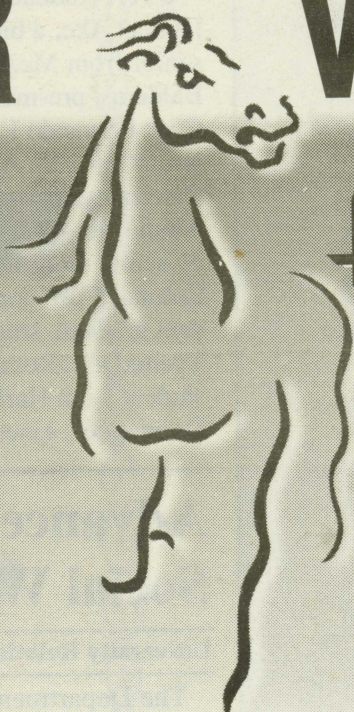
If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

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- ✓ In good standing at UTPA
- ✓ 20-25 hours a week

PREFERRED:

- ✓ Solid writing and editing skills
- ✓ Good graphic and page design skills
- ✓ Knowledge of Macintosh system
- ✓ Familiarity with QuarkXPress, Photoshop programs

The Editor will be appointed by the Student Publications Committee in mid April.

The Editor is responsible for the hiring of his/her staff and for content of the student newspaper.

Duties begin May 15 with publication June 3 of one issue for Summer.

Three issues will be published weekly (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) during the 1999-00 academic year.

The Adviser will provide training sessions starting May 17.

Apply at CAS 170 - Deadline April 5

To The University of Texas Pan – American Community:

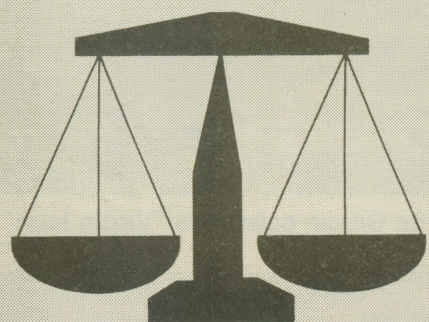
During student elections earlier this month, many of the campaign posters of two candidates were defaced with obscenities and racial slurs. The University community deplores these actions, and we are both disappointed and saddened that anyone on our campus would vent such hatred and intolerance.

A university should be a place for the full exploration and expression of ideas, but it is

also a place that celebrates tolerance, diversity and respect for others. UT Pan American has always been a good example of these precepts, and when they are violated, we as an institution consider the actions to be very serious.

We pledge that we will do whatever is necessary to help identify and bring to judgment the individual or individuals who defaced the students' campaign posters.

Miguel A. Nevárez, President
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Elvie P. Davis, Dean of Students



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Student Artists

by Rolando Gonzales

Works by Master of Fine Arts students are on display at the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts complex through April 8.



Junior Jorge Garcia examines "Virgin Icon" by Rosendo Sandoval



Freshman "Instant Cloning" by Maria Macias



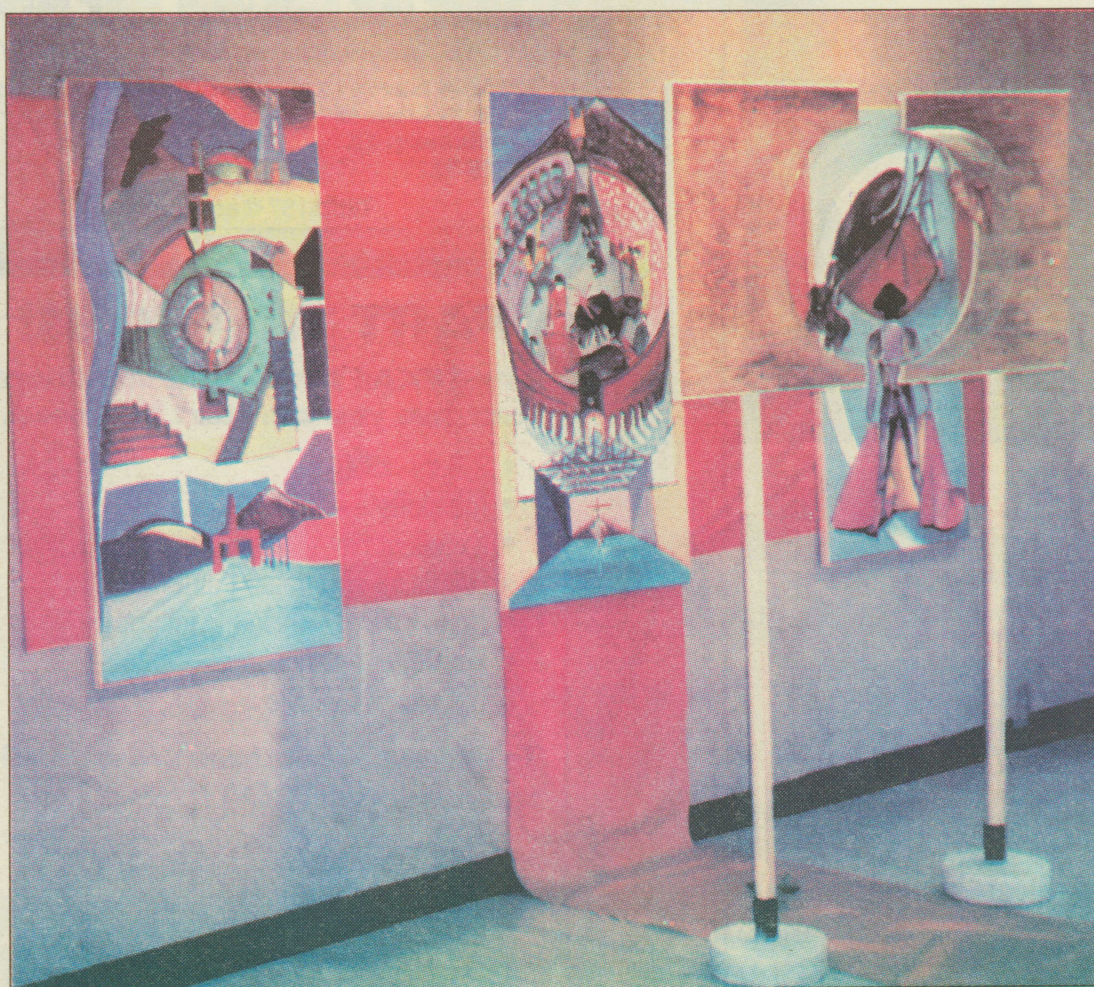
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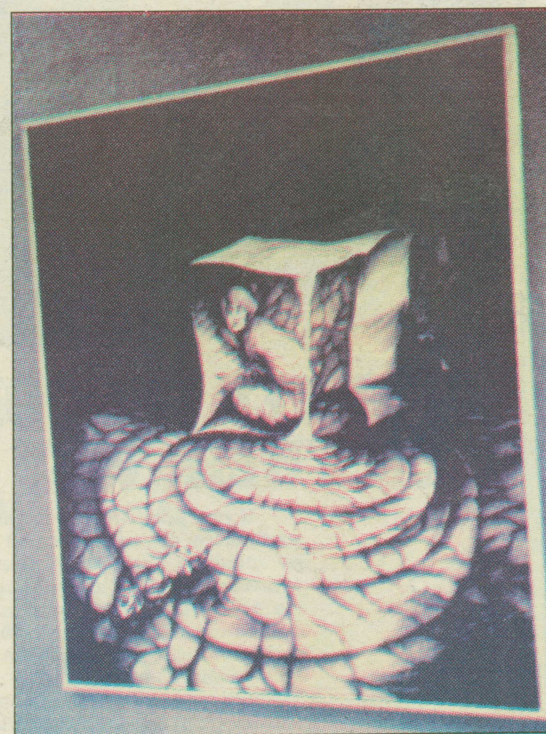
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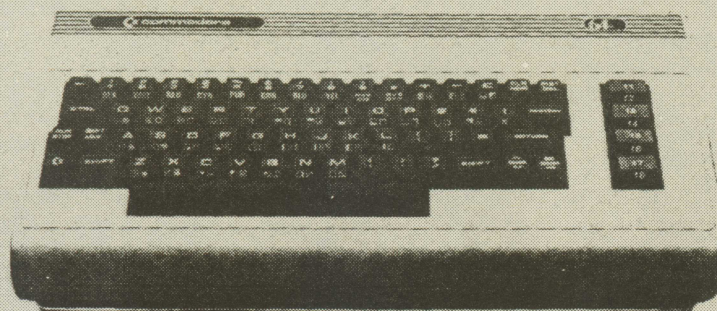


"Una Buena Tarde" by Claudia Behar



"Nor Did I Matter" by Noel Palmenez

What Year?



Even at twice the price, you won't find the power of the Commodore 64 in any personal computer. The Commodore 64 has a built-in memory of 64k but there is more. Then add the graphics: three dimensional objects that can move over, under

and behind one another. And add the 16 colors and high resolution. And add the 66-key keyboard. All those things and you'll realize the technological breakthrough that the Commodore 64 represents.

What year did the ad for this fine piece of equipment run in the *Pan American*? During the time of this ad it was a luxury to have a computer. (Answer at the end of column.)

Looking Back . . .

From the files of *The Pan American*

compiled by Stan Hernandez

5 Years Ago

March 31, 1994 – Approximately 30 tornadoes swept through Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas, over the weekend, killing 43 people and injuring hundreds of others.

10 Years Ago

March 16, 1989 – Baseball Coach Al Ogletree won his 1,000th game. He became the fourth man in NCAA Division I history to celebrate 1,000 victories.

15 Years Ago

March 22, 1984 – A paper by two PAU communication students on political cartoons about the downing of Korean Airlines Flight 007 was one of only two by Texas students presented at an undergraduate

seminar in Indiana. Of 60 papers submitted, only 26 were accepted. Most of the accepted papers came from the Midwest and the East coast.

20 Years Ago

March 29, 1979 – The Office of the Inter American Affairs has begun plans for this year's Pan American Days. This event has been scheduled for April 16-20 according to Marci Mitchell, assistant to the vice-president for Inter-American Affairs. This year the theme of Pan American week will be "Latin American Encounters of a Special Kind".

25 Years Ago

March 20, 1974 – Representatives from *The Pan American*, *El Bronco*

yearbook and *Panorama* literary magazine will attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention in Beaumont. Bob Woodard, *Washington Post* reporter who broke the Watergate cover-up story will be the featured speaker at the convention.

30 Years Ago

March 19, 1969 – Attention all unattached females. Figures show that out of a total of 4,612 students registered at PAC, 2,449 are males compared to 2,163 female students. That means that there are approximately 1.13 boys for every girl.

(This ad ran in March 20, 1981.)



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RAHC bill would promote visibility of Valley cities

City of Edinburg

A bill that would include the name of the home town of each of the four campuses of the University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) has been filed in the Texas Legislature, the Edinburg City Council announced today.

Senate Bill 693 by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., D-Brownsville, would allow each of the four communities to be included in the names of the sites, such as the UT Regional Academic Health Center at Edinburg.

Currently, the \$50 million medical school branch campus, which has components spread out to four Rio Grande Valley cities, is referred to as the University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center.

SB 893 states that "the facilities and associated programs operated by the regional academic health center in or near any municipality in the counties served by the center shall be designated as the University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center at (insert name of municipality)."

Edinburg will be the site for a \$15 million Medical Research Division, scheduled to open in about three years. Harlingen will be the site of

\$25 million Medical Education Division, while McAllen will host a \$5 million Medical Education Division, and Brownsville will have a \$5 million Public Health Division.

"This name change proposal is an outstanding opportunity for Edinburg to have its name linked in all official records, communications, press conferences and press releases with the UT System and the UT health science centers," said Mayor Joe Ochoa.

The Edinburg research facility will provide state-of-the-art space and equipment for scholars and scientists to work toward solutions to the major health problems found along the Rio Grande Valley-Mexico border, said Mayor Pro Tem Ofelia de los Santos.

"Scientists and researchers will work with colleagues at UTPA, as well as with scientists and researchers at other universities, the private sector, and the government," said Councilmember Fred Longoria.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio will oversee and operate the RAHCs in Edinburg, Harlingen and McAllen, while the UT Health Science Center at Houston will be in charge of the RAHC in Brownsville, said



— City of Edinburg

UTPA President Miguel Nevárez reviews legislation being considered by lawmakers during a State Capitol meeting with the Edinburg City Council, UT System Chancellor William Cunningham, Rep. Juan J. Hinojosa, and Edinburg residents. One of the UTPA proposals was filed by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., who authored Senate Bill 893, which will include the name of Edinburg in the official title of the \$15 million Regional Academic Health Center research facility to be built on or next to the UTPA campus.

Councilmember Roy Peña. The Edinburg RAHC will be built near the UTPA campus.

In 1997, the UT RAHC was created as a result of legislation carried in the Texas Legislature by Rep. Juan J. Hinojosa, D - Edinburg, and Lucio. Last November, the UT System Board of Regents voted to provide \$50 million for construction for the four

sites from the state's Permanent University Fund.

In addition to the RAHC name legislation by Lucio, the Edinburg City Council and Edinburg Economic Development Corporation are working with Valley lawmakers to secure state funds for the first two years of operating expense of the Edinburg medical research facility, said

Councilmember Arnoldo Benavides.

"Almost \$3.5 million in state money is being sought for operating expenses at the UT RAHC at Edinburg," said Benavides. "This would pay for faculty, staff and operating expenses for the Edinburg complex, which would be the first of its kind along the U.S. Mexico border."

Senate moves to restore parent's rights

The Associated Press

Austin — The Texas Senate recently approved a bill requiring doctors to notify at least one parent of a minor girl before performing an abortion on her. Senate Bill 30, authored by Senator Florence Shapiro, passed the Senate with an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 23-8 and is expected to be heard in the House next month.

Veronica Moore, a Houston area mother, testified in favor of Parental Notification legislation and told a Senate panel how her 15 year old daughter, sexually involved with an adult male, was

recently impregnated and taken to an abortion clinic.

Upon discovering that her daughter had undergone the first step in the abortion procedure, Moore attempted to stop the procedure. However, clinic staff told Moore she had no legal right to intervene. Moore's daughter was rushed into the operating room for the hasty completion of the abortion.

The abortion left Moore's daughter emotionally traumatized, and she is presently suffering from acute depression. On two occasions following the abortion, Moore's daughter was admitted to the

emergency room for complications related to her abortion.

Dr. Joseph Graham, President of the Texas Right to Life Committee, commenting on Moore's story said, "This Parental Notification bill represents the first step in restoring the rights of parents to be involved in the abortion decisions of their minor daughters."

He furthered, "It is a day of great significance for the Right to Life movement in Texas. Senators who voted for this legislation should be applauded."

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The new delivery system adds to the existing regular two-year program that started in Fall 1998. The regular MSSW is a 60-hour program consisting of 30 hours of professional foundation courses and 30 hours of advanced professional social work courses.

"Unique to the two-year MSSW program is its admissions policy," Mace said. "Prospective students do not have to have an undergraduate degree in social work to be accepted into the master's degree program. Students with degrees in sociology, psychology, business, educa-

tion and other disciplines may be considered for admission into the two-year program."

In 1998, the MSSW degree program received "candidacy status" from the Council on Social Work Education, Commission on Accreditation. The MSSW program is scheduled for consideration of full accreditation status in 2001.

The deadline to apply for admission to either the regular two-year program or to the Advanced Standing Program of the MSSW at UTPA is March 30.

UTPA meets A&M Corpus Christi for first time

By ELADIO JAIMEZ
The Pan American

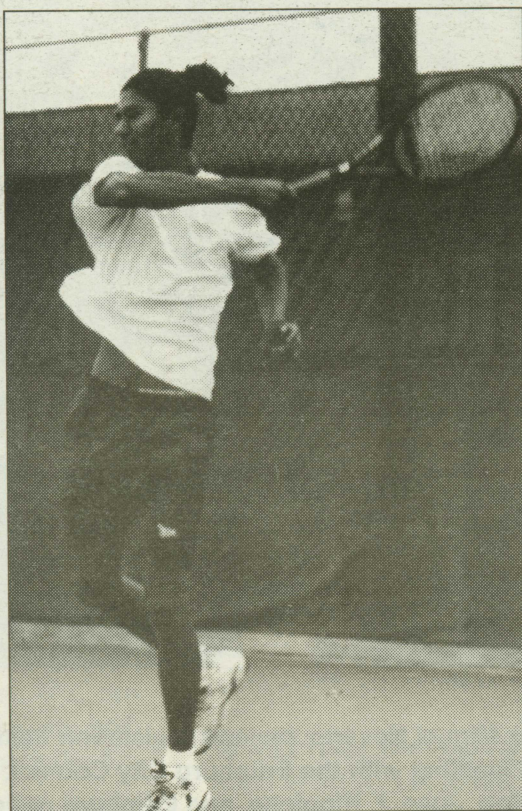
The UTPA men's tennis team will drive up to Houston this Saturday to face Centenary and then Texas A&M Corpus Christi Monday morning. The matches will take place at Rice University. The men have already faced Centenary once before this year in Beaumont. UTPA won the match 7-0.

Despite the score head coach Greg Hilley will not take them lightly.

"We beat them up in Beaumont 7-0 but it was a tough 7-0. We had a lot of close matches. There were several three set matches. We're going to do our best and hopefully we can come out on top again," said coach Hilley.

Freshman Frederick Darmont, who continues to adjust to the hardcourts in the US, also feels confident about their two upcoming matches.

"The way we're playing we should be able to beat both schools this weekend. We did well in New Orleans and everybody is playing like they should," said Darmont.



Ileana Garcia-Spitz

Cesar Vargas and the men's team look to repeat against Centenary.

UTPA's second opponent, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, could potentially be tougher than Centenary for the Broncs.

A&M Corpus Christi, a Division II school, will be moving up to Division I next year and is expected to be a contender in Division I tennis.

A&M Corpus Christi defeated Centenary earlier this year. They also had no problem beating Lamar 6-1, a team that UTPA struggled to beat 4-3.

Upcoming matches for the UTPA tennis teams include a home match for the women against McNeese St. Thursday. The men will end their season two days later when they travel to San Antonio to face Lamar. The women will close out their season with a trip to San Antonio to face UTSA in two matches.

Brooks a candidate For UALR position

From wire reports

According to an Associated Press report, UTPA head basketball coach Delray Brooks is considered a front-runner to replace Wimp Sanderson at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

Other nominees include Scott Edgar, a former coach at Duquesne and Murray State and a former Arkansas assistant; Darrell Walker, a former Arkansas player and Toronto Raptors coach; Texas assistant Ricky Stokes; and Oklahoma State assistant Paul Graham.

Even Joe Klein of the Phoenix Suns is under consideration.

Brooks left to the Final Four in St. Petersburg Florida and was unavailable for comment.

Brooks, who starred at Providence College, came to UTPA in 1997 after serving as an assistant to Rick Pitino at Kentucky. He was on Kentucky's staff when the Wildcats won the national title in 1996.

He led the Broncs to a 4-23 mark in his second season.

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Track and field heads to San Marcos for the Quad

By **JOE LEAL**
Sports Editor

The UTPA track and field teams lace up their shoes and head to San Marcos for the Southwest Texas Quad set for Saturday.

Coming off their only home dates of the season – their first in two years – UTPA should feel confident heading into Saturday's events.

Several Lady Broncs continue to enjoy strong seasons.

Junior Kacey Warrick sets the pace for women's distance running. Her time of 37:14 at Spring Fever came in just one second behind Nancy Mireles' Lady Bronc record in the 10,000 meter run. At the UTPA Invitational, Warrick managed two other first place finishes in the 3,000 and 1,500 meter runs.

"I feel good about the opportunity to go against some very competitive schools. We're young and coming off some good performances last week," said Bronc head coach Dana Colligan-Gutierrez.

Shari Galvin leads the Lady Bronc sprint corps. She dominated at the UTPA Invitational easily winning the 100 and 200 meter sprints. The 4x100 sprint relay team also took top honors at both home meets.

"Our distance runners should have some good opportunities to score points. I think Shari should do a good job against the field," said Colligan-Gutierrez.

Dawne Hill finished first in the javelin, discus, and hammer throws last week while Rachel Drury vaulted 9' 6" at Spring Fever, breaking previous Lady Bronc record of 9' she set at the Border Olympics earlier this month.

On the injury front, freshman Judy Kotey continues to be bothered by a strained hamstring that will keep her out of action for the third week in a row.

"Judy is day-to-day. She's frustrated, but she's working hard to get back to running. We're looking to see how she feels next week," said assistant coach

Michael Bartolina.

On the men's side, Joe Medina and Chris Vega hope to continue winning ways.

At the last meet, Medina finished first in the 1500 and took second in the 800 meter run.

"The men will be up against some stiff competition. Because of injuries we won't be able to enter as many events," said Colligan-Gutierrez.

Vega posted first place finishes in the 100, 200, and 4x100 relay at Spring Fever. He nearly did the same at the Invitational, but he came in second in the 200.

Gonzalo Gonzalez and Eric



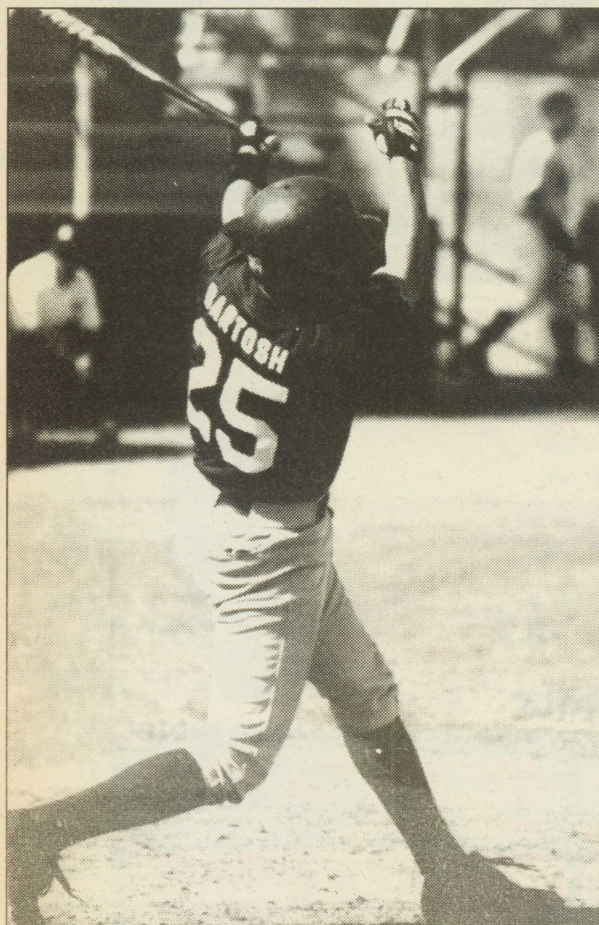
—Shane James

Sisters Shari (left) and Jamika Galvin make up half of the 4x100 sprint relay team.

Rodriguez are also coming off solid performances heading into San Marcos.

Gonzalez finished first in the shot put and discus, while Rodriguez placed first in the long and triple jump.

Thompson guts out 7-6 victory over TAMUK



—Bert Gonzalez

T.J. Bartosh currently bats .337 for the Broncs.

By **JOE LEAL**
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Despite allowing 11 hits and walking five batters, Jason Thompson received the offensive support he needed and squeaked out a 7-6 win over the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas at Nolan Ryan Field Tuesday night.

The three-and-a-half hour victory improved the Bronc record to 22-12 and ended a three-game losing skid.

Thompson pitched 7 1/3 innings allowing Scott Green to strike out two and allow one hit for the save.

"It was a slow game. Jason struggled with his breaking pitch, but we managed to turn a couple of double plays to keep us in the game," said head coach Reggie Tredaway.

A single by outfielder T.J. Bartosh scored Andy Wallace from second base, giving the Broncs a 2-0 advantage. With the bases loaded, TAMUK starter Isreal Olguin walked in UTPA's third run of the inning, scoring Andy Ness. Centerfielder Anthony Arteaga then scored on a single by Gabe De La Garza.

The Broncs ended the inning

scoring all four of their runs on four hits, leaving two men stranded.

The Javs threatened in the eighth inning after Thompson gave up a two-run home run by outfielder Jim Rodgers with one out, bringing the Bronc lead down to just one at 7-6. Green came in and ended the comeback forcing Steve Foley to pop up to centerfield and striking out Bobby Lara to end the inning.

Bartosh was the only Bronc to record more than one hit going 2-for-3 with two walks a strikeout and one RBI.

"Right now he has a good slugging and on-base percentage. He's seeing the ball very well, but he's had trouble with off-speed pitches. We've tried to polish his swing and make some adjustments," said Tredaway.

UTPA scored in each of the first four innings beginning with a sacrifice fly in the first inning by Ness, scoring Wallace from third. The Broncs scored another run in the next inning on an Aaron Lakey home run.

The Broncs scored their seventh and deciding run in the fourth, after

Bartosh doubled and scored on a single by Ness, giving him his second RBI. The Broncs threatened to widen the gap with the bases loaded however Olguin regained his composure and forced A.J. Seaholm to pop-up to centerfield.

The Broncs now have the rest of the week to prepare for back-to-back doubleheaders against Dallas Baptist April 2 and 3. Their series with Dallas Baptist marks the start of the final homestand of the year for UTPA.

The Broncs finish out their home schedule with a single game against the Javs on April 6 and their second three-game series against Incarnate Word April 9 and 10.

UTPA finishes their '99 schedule with nine straight road games.

"We're going to work some this week. I will probably give them the weekend off and maybe one more day. They need the rest going into the stretch run," said Tredaway.

The Broncs begin their nine-game set on the road with a re-match against the University of Texas.

